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TO:

Susan White, Mining Program Coordinator

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Site Release, Jason Shumway, Picture Rock Quarry, S0370099, San

Juan County, Utah

On December 12, 2006, I received a phone call from Ted McDougall of the Bureau of Land Management in Monticello. He was able to work a deal with an operator to have reclamation work done at Jason Shumway's Picture Rock Quarry in San Juan county. This operator roughened and seeded the site and placed some large rocks at the entrance. In exchange, they received some gravel from BLM land.

The Picture Rock Quarry was graded in about 2003, but it was never seeded. The grading was not ideal, but the site basically blends with surrounding areas. The site is right next to a well-used county road, and since it was left very smooth, a lot of people would drive across it. We are hopeful that the roughening and the large rocks will keep people off the site.

I have tried several times to contact the operator using the phone number in the notice. This phone number is his parents' house, and his mother told me Jason was out of work and living in a trailer somewhere near Dove Creek, Colorado. On one particular day, she lamented that it was his birthday and that she didn't know where he was or how to contact him.

Considering the situation, I recommend that the Division retire this notice.

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